

WORKING WITH PARENTS

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➤ Introductions

➤ Panel Questions

- Connecting with parents
- Making parents allies and helpers
- Disinterested parents
- Confrontational parents
- Look to parents to help by ...
- Advice—one item from each panelist

➤ Audience Questions



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➤ Resource Websites

- <http://www2.ed.gov/teachers/become/about/survivalguide/parent.html>
- <http://www.nasponline.org/communications/spawareness/Parents%20and%20Teachers.pdf>
- <http://parentteacherpartnerships.blogspot.com/2010/05/5-tips-for-working-with-parents-of.html>
- <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/new-teacher-parents-lisa-dabbs>

Connecting with Parents

- Can you name one thing that seems to work to connect with parents?
- Is there something that you tried that failed and you are willing to share?



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Making parents allies and helpers

- Is there something special that you have done to make parents your ally? Has this made a difference in the student's performance?
- Does this ever backfire and the student then works against both you and their parents?



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Disinterested Parents

- How have you dealt with apathetic parents of students? Have you noticed whether or not the students get their attitudes from their parents?
- What has worked and what hasn't worked?



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Confrontational Parents

- Have you ever had to personally deal with a confrontational parent? What is the best way to handle this?
- Who have you turned to for help and advice in this situation?



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Look to parents to help by

- What do you really want parents to help you with?
Have you found a great way to get them to help you?
- What do you not want parents to help you with?



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Share one statement of advice for current/future teachers on working with parents.



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